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It Is Claimed By Those Who Ought to Know That Solomon Wrote Most of His Good Advice After He Got Too Old

HOWAT AND FIVE ASSOCIATES GET ONE YEAR IN JAIL

Found Guilty of Violating Permanent Injunction

KANSAS COAL MINES CASE

Court Also Finds Labor Leaders Guilty of Violating Industrial Law

Pittsburg, Kan., Feb. 17.—Alexander Howat, president of District 14, United Mine Workers of America, was sentenced to one year in jail yesterday by Judge Andrew J. Curran. Five other members of the executive board received similar sentences.

Howat and his associates were found guilty of violating a permanent injunction issued last fall by Judge Curran prohibiting the union officials from calling a strike in the coal fields of Kansas. The court ruled that the order to strike given to the miners of the Mackle Fuel Company constituted a violation of the injunction.

These officials were sentenced by Judge Curran: Alexander Howat, president; August Dorsey, vice-president; James McIlwraith, John Fanning, Earl Maxwell and Willard Titus, members of the board.

Judge Curran in giving his judgment in the case said: "The court finds the defendants guilty of violating the injunction. The court finds further that the defendants willfully violated the injunction and purposes of the Kansas industrial law."

Motion for a new trial was overruled. The notices of appeal were filed and accepted.

SPECIAL VILLAGE MEETING

Will Discuss Trolley Road Bill Friday Evening.

The special village meeting called to discuss the trolley bill now before the legislature will be held tomorrow, Friday evening, at the high school hall at 8 o'clock.

These bills are of special interest to Bennington because they apply to conditions which exist in connection with the electric road in Bennington. These points will be discussed at the meeting Friday night.

First Fort Built in Ohio.

Fort Miami, the first fort built in Ohio, about 1790, was constructed under the direction of Louis de Baude, Frontenac, the greatest of the governors of New France, as Canada was called in his time. The French claims extended down the Mississippi valley, and they were the Yankees of their time—keen to extend their trading operations through all that extensive region. The Miami river was then called "The Miami of the Lakes," hence the name of the fort.

IRISH CATHOLICS RESENT LETTER SAYS ART O'BRIEN

Written by Cardinal Bourne and Read in English Churches

URGES LAW OBSERVANCE

Address Called Attention to "Horrors and Outrages in Ireland"

London, Feb. 17.—Great indignation has been caused among Irish Catholics in England by a pastoral letter written by Cardinal Bourne, archbishop of Westminster and read in the English churches under his jurisdiction on Sunday, said a statement issued today by Art O'Brien, acting secretary of the Irish Self-Determination league.

The letter warned the people of the archdiocese not to allow themselves to become implicated "by active sympathy or even actual co-operation in societies and organizations which are in opposition to the laws of God and the Catholic church."

In his address the cardinal referred to "horrors and outrages" in Ireland.

Patching the Czar's Trousers.

In his recently published memoirs Count Witte, a member of the old Russian regime, relates that Alexander III's prudence in government expenditure was matched by his personal thrift: "Alexander III was extremely economical with his wearing apparel."

I had a curious proof of this when I accompanied the emperor on one of his railway trips. Since I found it impossible, on account of my responsibility, to sleep of nights, I would often catch glimpses of his majesty's valet mending the emperor's trousers. On one occasion I asked him why he didn't give his master a new pair instead of mending the old so often. "Well, I would rather have it that way," he answered, "but his majesty won't let me. He insists on wearing his garments until they are threadbare. It is the same with his boots."

REGULAR CONCLAVE OF TAFT COMMANDARY NO. 8, K. T. FRIDAY EVENING, FEB. 18TH.

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ROAD PROBLEMS MAIN FEATURE OF TOWN MEETING

One Special Appropriation Bill Will Be Requested

STATE PATROL BENEFITS

Business Will Be Transacted and Officers Elected on the First Day of March

Highway problems are likely to constitute the main subject of discussion at the annual town meeting which comes this year on the first day of the month. Residents in the vicinity of Hinsdaleville and at North Bennington have already carried out a volunteer program for the improvement of the highway leading from the Henry bridge to the New York state line will come before the meeting for a modest appropriation.

There is also the permanent highway proposal and the highway patrol. The warping is as follows:

The inhabitants of the Town of Bennington, qualified by law to vote in town meetings, are hereby notified and warned to meet in library hall on said town on Tuesday the 1st day of March 1921 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business:

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K. T. ANNUAL INSPECTION

Taft Commandry Was Commended By Grand Officers.

The annual inspection of Taft Commandry, Knights Templar, took place Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance and the Temple degrees were conferred.

The inspecting official was Eminent Commander George E. Lovell of Beloit, Iowa, who warmly commended the work done by Taft Commandry. Fred W. Briggs of Brandon, representing the Captain General of the Grand Commandry of the state was also a guest of honor and gave a short address.

Preceding the inspection a supper was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star to the Knights Templar.

JUDGE FINES HIMSELF

Found Himself Guilty of Violating Traffic Law.

Augusta, Ga., Feb. 14.—Police Judge Lewis L. Kent found himself guilty today of violating the traffic law on evidence submitted by the policeman who docketed the case, and imposed the usual fine. He paid it.

LECTURE ON THE BIBLE

Mr. Mills Will Present Modern View of Scriptures.

There is a great deal of confusion prevailing in the popular mind in regard to the Bible. People know that there has been a change of view respecting the origin, authority and inspiration of the Sacred Scriptures, but the proper understanding about it is not so clear. It is plain the duty of the Christian church and the obligation of its ministers to popularize the new knowledge and establish the truth. The cause of vital religion is dependent upon it.

Beginning next Sunday evening at the Second Congregational church, the pastor, Rev. G. S. Mills, will give a series of lectures in which he will explain and illustrate what may be called the new appreciation of the Bible. It is Mr. Mills' intention to make these talks of particular value to teachers in the church school, to parents of children and young people, and to all who realize that something has happened to the Book as the result of the special study of scholars.

These services will be held in the chapel, and will be somewhat more informal than a regular preaching service. Questions will be invited and opportunity given for discussion at the close of the lecture period.

The subject for next Sunday evening will be "Bible and the Bible."

CARUSO'S FIGHT FOR LIFE

Physicians Say He Has a Chance If He Survives the Day.

New York, Feb. 17.—Enrico Caruso, the famous Italian tenor, who has been seriously ill of heart disease, has a chance to survive the night in his valiant fight for life.

Physicians announced this morning that if he passed the expected crisis today he had a fair chance to recover.

MORE REGISTERED MAIL STOLEN

Bandits Hold Up Clerks in Front of Toledo Postoffice.

Toledo, O., Feb. 17.—Five bandits early today held up three clerks outside the main postoffice in Toledo and secured with five sacks of registered mail.

The postmaster is unable to give any estimate of the value of the stolen mail.

day shall be paid to the town officers; the town clerk, and the board of civil authority for their services for the coming year.

15. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote in aid of, or for the purpose of maintaining a public library or libraries therein and also, to determine how the same shall be distributed.

16. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote toward the expense of conserving decoration or Memorial Day.

17. To see if the Town School District will vote to pay a higher rate of tuition than \$36 per school year per pupil for the High School instruction which is furnished its advanced pupils as required by law, and if it so votes to fix said rate.

18. To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation, for a period not exceeding five years, buildings erected hereafter, used and occupied exclusively as a home, exclusive of land, and such exemption, to be limited in the aggregate as to valuation of any one building, to the sum of \$3000.

19. To hear the report of the committee appointed at the last annual meeting to investigate and report upon the cost and expense of erecting a suitable monument or memorial to the memory of the citizens of Bennington who were in the military or naval service of the United States in any of its wars and upon a proper site for the same and other details connected herewith, and also to hear the report of the committee appointed at the annual meeting of 1919 and directed by the annual meeting of 1920 to co-operate with the committee first herein mentioned to investigate the advisability of erecting such a monument or memorial on the Root property now owned by the Town or remodeling for such purpose, or other purposes advantageous to the Town, any building thereon, and to see what action, if any, the Town will take upon such report or reports.

20. To transact any other business found necessary when met.

Dated at Bennington, Vt., this 11th day of February, 1921.

J. C. Burt,

F. M. Thompson,

W. R. White,

Selectmen of the Town of Bennington

MYSTERY DISEASE SWEEPING NORTH TEMPERATE ZONE

United States Invaded by Sleeping Sickness

MANY CASES IN NEW YORK

Forty-eight Deaths Reported to Health Authorities Since January 1

New York, Feb. 17.—Sleeping sickness, disease of mystery, again is sweeping Europe and America. This strange malady that first appeared in the Central Empire during the third winter of the world war has reappeared each year with increasing prevalence. Reports from various quarters of the globe show the present epidemic, or pandemic, is most severe in America.

England, Ireland, Spain, Scandinavia and other northern countries have not escaped, however. Outside of the fact that encephalitis lethargica—the name physicians have given to the disease—is a cold weather sickness and is probably contagious, scarcely anything is known of cause or cure.

The cities in the northern United States have been particularly hard hit this winter, and New York leads the list. The forty-eighth death and the 187th case since January 1 were reported yesterday to the local Health Department.

Health Commissioner Copeland issued a statement warning all physicians and hospitals that sleeping sickness is a "highly infectious and contagious disease," and all cases must be reported at once.

"While the present situation is serious and should not be despised by any means," he said, "there should be no public alarm, because it is not contagious in the ordinary sense. This is proven by the fact that out of more than 500 cases reported in New York city last year only in two instances was a second case found where one had been previously reported."

Since January 1 fifty cases of sleeping sickness outside of New York city have been reported to the State Department of Health in Albany. They are distributed evenly through out the State.

Boston reports comparatively little of the disease in New England this year. There have been twenty-eight cases in the city of Boston, but many of these, it is reported, came from outside of the city for treatment. Massachusetts has made the disease reportable for the first time.

Chicago has had fifty-eight cases, but compared with New York the death rate has been low. Only twelve have died.

Scranton, Pa., with a population of about 150,000, reported two deaths yesterday and more than a dozen cases under treatment. There have been three deaths altogether in that city.

Springfield, Mass., another comparatively small city, has had ten cases and two deaths. In Detroit twelve persons have died since the first of the year. In 1920 there were fifty-four deaths. There are eighteen cases of the disease in Cleveland, an increase of eight in two weeks. Total deaths are a net.

TIRES COMING BACK

Sold in France But Are to Be Returned

Paris, Feb. 17.—Large quantities of American Army automobile tires purchased by France when the Government here took over army stocks left in this country by the United States forces are to be resold in the United States as the result of a deal just closed by Yves de Villiers, president of the Tire Export Company and a director of the Keystone Tire and Rubber Company. The deal involves a million and a half dollars. M. de Villiers is returning to the United States aboard the steamship Aquitania, leaving France tomorrow.

M. de Villiers succeeded in purchasing 150,000 tires, representing most of the tire stocks left in the hands of the French Government, by buying back the contents of several camps which had been sold to French bidders. It is believed here that his operations in automobile tires will effect a general cut in tire prices both in the United States and in France.

New Street-Car Idea

The objections to the so-called "safety cars," which were introduced during the last few years, have been met in Seattle by the invention of what is called a one-man-two-man street car. The design of this car permits of its being operated in the slack hours by one man, while in the busy hours, with a little rearrangement of the interior, it is changed to make provision for the addition of a conductor. This is said to meet the great criticism of the "safety" cars in that so much time was lost in the stops when the single attendant was compelled to take the fares, answer the questions and attend to the various other matters, with the entrance of a group of passengers.